

# CIVILIZATION'S WHOLE BURDEN UPON AMERICA

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
WASHINGTON, April 26.—President Wilson sat with bowed head on the platform of the Continental memorial hall tonight and with a thousand men and women delegates gathered from all parts of the country for the opening session of the national missionary congress of the Laymen's missionary movement, listened to a prayer for blessings upon "our president for his patience, self-restraint, and strength during this time of trouble."

The prayer was offered by James M. Speers of New York chairman of the executive committee of the Laymen's movement who presided over the congress. An attempt to extend the missionary movement and to put business methods in the church is the object of the meeting which will continue five days.

The voices of the host of church workers were swelling the chorus of the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," when the president stepped upon the platform. At the conclusion of the singing, the president took a chair in front of a large American flag. He remained throughout the session following every word of the speakers and joining in the singing of the hymns which were interspersed with addresses.

A graphic picture of what he termed "suffering Europe stretched on a cross" was presented by John R. Mott, chairman of the executive conference continuation committee. Mr. Mott pointed out the added missionary responsibility that has fallen to Christian nations. He brought the congress into long applause when he declared that "America had been criticized by other countries but this criticism only illustrates the wisdom of the way we have been guided."

Mr. Mott, who has been in the war swept sections of Europe told of "raining down of graves" of "five million men stretched upon hospital beds of pain," and of the enormous expenditures of the belligerents. With Europe putting all her money and energies into warfare, he said, it was America's duty to use "our unspent energies to carry out the task of extending civilization."

"The congress is the climax of a series of sixty-nine conventions held in various sections of the country since last October, closing Sunday in Brooklyn, New York. The movement is a country-wide campaign to bring the church and laymen together on a common ground in an effort to place the church on a better business basis. The problem of advancing religion in face of the European conflict is one of the chief topics for discussion."

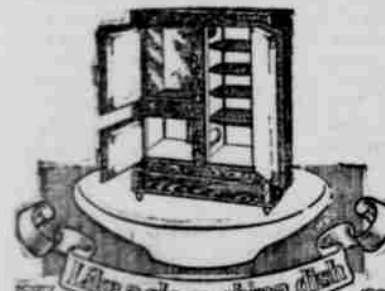
Delegates to the congress were appointed by the local congresses and they include men prominent in business and professional life and clergymen. Prominent missionaries who have been service in many lands will be among the speakers.

## RED RIVER ON RAMPAGE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
FARGO, April 26.—The Red river in its second flood this spring passed the 25-foot mark tonight. The water to-day entered the Fargo auditorium.

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# CUNARD COMPANY DEFENDANT INSTEAD OF GERMAN EMPIRE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, April 27.—Charges that Germany's agents have sought to shift responsibility for the sinking of the steamship Lusitania to the Cunard Steamship company, by attempting to persuade the survivors to sue the owners of the liner for damages on the ground of negligence, were made at a meeting here today of persons who were passengers on the vessel at the time of the disaster.

Joseph L. Meyers and James L. Leary said they had been approached by a lawyer now under indictment for alleged violation of the neutrality laws and told them that if they would bring suits against the Cunard line for

\$50,000 he would see that they received the money whether or not they won their cases.

The meeting was called by a committee of survivors to take methods for concerted action to recover for losses. Ogden H. Hammond, a member of the committee, said it was the purpose of the wealthier survivors to help those who had been unable to obtain legal aid in pressing their claims. An attorney representing Mr. Hammond advised the survivors that their primary claim is against the German government.

Attorneys were appointed to call a meeting of the legal representatives of the survivors to prepare for united action.

## LYNCHING MOTORCADE GOING TO LAWRENCE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

TOPEKA, Kan., April 26.—Several automobile loads of men left here tonight for Lawrence with the avowed intention of lynching Fred Bissel, the man charged with the murder of Edna Hinshaw, a 10-year-old girl whose body was found in the cellar of a burning house here. She had been assaulted and choked to death. Discovery of the child's body was made by firemen after the fire had been gotten under control.

Late tonight a mob was attempting to break into the county jail here on the theory that Bissel had not been taken to Lawrence as the officers claim. Feeling was running high. More cars were being procured to go to Lawrence. Sheriff Kline in Lawrence was notified and may remove Bissel to another town to save his life.

### Failed Again

LAWRENCE, Kan., April 26.—Upon receipt of information that a mob formed at Topeka was on the way here with the intention of lynching Fred Bissel, Sheriff L. L. Kline removed the prisoner from the jail at 9:30 o'clock tonight and left Lawrence in a motor car, accompanied by a force of deputies. The destination of the sheriff is unknown.

Sheriff Kline of Topeka, who was in Lawrence to serve a warrant on Bissel, immediately took charge of the prisoner and, accompanied by deputies, left the city in a large touring car, according to advices from that place. It is believed he started for Lansing.

About the time the would-be lynchers left for Lawrence, another mob stormed the county jail under the belief that Bissel had not been taken from Topeka. Officers addressed them and finally a committee of citizens was appointed to examine the jail to prove that Bissel was not there. The committee's report satisfied the mob and in a short time the crowd quietly dispersed.

## ARKANSAS WITHOUT COLORED DELEGATE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 26.—Delegates from Arkansas to the Republican National convention in Chicago will go unrepresented and for the first time in 32 years there will be no negro delegate at large among the number. The so-called "lily white" faction of the party was in control of the state convention which met here today and elected the national convention delegates. A motion that the delegates be instructed to support Colonel Theodore Roosevelt for the presidential nomination received only a few votes on roll call. Mr. Roosevelt's name was cheered loudly whenever it was mentioned however.

### GOING TO HIS KINGDOM

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Father Emmanuel Rougier, reputed to be one of the wealthiest priests in the world, sailed today from San Francisco for his "kingdom" in the South Pacific. He is the sole owner of Christmas Island, some 700,000 acres, which he intends to convert into a great coconut plantation. Father Rougier is accompanied by his niece, Miss Margaret Rougier and her girl companion who came with them from Paris. They two will be the only women on the island.

Father Rougier went to the South Sea islands years ago as a missionary and made his fortune in growing and selling island products. He formerly owned Washington and Fanning islands but sold them to a British syndicate which is shortly to establish an English coaling station on Fanning.

### HORSE AND AUTO EXPORTS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, April 26.—Since the beginning of the war, more than \$250,000,000 worth of horses, automobiles and automobiles have been exported from the United States, according to a statement issued today by the foreign trade department of the National City Bank. France and her allies received the major portion of these exports, out of a total of \$160,000,000 in automobile exports, \$100,000,000 worth of the commercial and freight carrying type the remainder being passenger cars.

The number of horses exported was about 600,000 and of mules 150,000. In the seven months, France alone received 122,000 horses and mules while Great Britain bought 38,000.

### HER LIFE FOR HER CHILDREN

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

CHEYBORG, Mich., April 26.—Mrs. A. B. Asseline and her eight year old daughter were burned to death, and a son six years old was fatally hurt in a fire which destroyed their home here today.

Mrs. Asseline gave up her life in an effort to save all of her six children.

### FIRE AT OMAHA

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

OMAHA, Neb., April 26.—Fire has broken out in the military stores and there has been several explosions.

## MAKING HEADWAY AGAINST VILLISTAS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MEXICO CITY, April 26.—Messages received at the war department today from General Jacinto Trevino, whose headquarters is Torreon, said conditions in that region were growing better each day on account of the active work of the constitutionalists driving the Villa forces to the mountains or causing their surrender in the hope that they would secure amnesty.

The dispatches added that in a fight of several hours' duration in the neighborhood of Ciudad Camargo, state of Chihuahua, Colonel Manuel Lopez defeated the Villa general, Jose Chavez, killing fifteen of his men and capturing arms, horses and ammunition and taking a number of prisoners.

The defeat of General Ricardo Lopez, another Villa follower who later asked for conditions for surrender and amnesty is reported in another section. Soldiers have been sent to Chihuahua to take over the arms, ammunition and horses of the men who wish to surrender.

### Reves Will Surrender

TORREON, April 26.—After a conference today with General Trevino, General Jose A. Gaziola, chief of the medical staff of the Carranza army announced that satisfactory arrangements had been made for the surrender of Canuto Reyes and his lieutenants. All have accepted amnesty on terms offered by General Trevino.

## I. H. C. PRESIDENT IN SISAL INQUIRY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Cyrus H. McCormick, president of the International Harvester company, testified tonight before the senate sisal investigation committee, closing the evidence for his company in connection with the inquiry. He denied that he ever had threatened to withdraw the Harvester company's account in an effort to prevent banks from lending money to finance any sisal venture, though he said it was true that he had told Arthur Reynolds, vice-president of the Continental and Commercial bank of Chicago, that trouble might come from the bank's participating in such a venture, and advised him to consider carefully before going into it. He said his purpose was to indicate to the banker that the Harvester company only sought to avoid any suspicion of supporting a scheme that would increase the price of binder twine to the farmers.

## PEOPLE OF IRELAND NEEDN'T GO TO WAR

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, April 26.—A report of the secret session of the house of commons today shows that Premier Asquith declared that the extension of the military service act would not apply to Ireland. An extract from the official report of the proceedings was:

"At the commencement of the sittings, Edward Carson asked the prime minister whether the public had a report of yesterday's sitting and if it could be amended so as to make it clear that the prime minister had stated that the government's proposals so far as they were concerned with the raising of fresh recruits by the extension of the military service act did not apply to Ireland."

"The prime minister agreed that his statement was to be taken in that sense."

### CAME BACK TO CAMPAIGN

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, April 26.—Henry Morgenthau in a statement made today said he expected the acceptance of his resignation as ambassador to Turkey tomorrow or Friday after which he will enter at once into the campaign to re-elect President Wilson.

"There is not going to be any trouble about money for the campaign. He is already assured that there will be plenty of money for our needs. It is not going to take a great deal anyway," he said.

Mr. Morgenthau said there was no foundation for the report that he would succeed William F. McCombs as chairman of the democratic national committee.

### INDIANA DEMOCRATS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 26.—Indiana democrats in their convention here today nominated Senator Thomas Taggart, for the short term in the United States senate, ratified the nomination in the March primary of Senator John W. Kern for the long term, and Representative John A. M. Adler for governor.

Senator Taggart's nomination was by acclamation. In a short address, the senator declared that he was "for peace—but peace with honor," and Senator Kern also alluded to the campaign when he urged that President Wilson be supported in "his greatest desire to preserve peace."

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# NO COMPETITOR IS CONTENTION OF THE ROADS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The reopened intermountain rate case now is before the interstate commerce commission for decision. The hearing began on Monday ended today with the testimony of half a dozen volunteer witnesses who said they did not want any change in rates, and brief arguments by counsel.

Counsel for petitioners contended in their argument that they had shown the non-existence of water competition with the railroads in coast to coast traffic. From this basis they argued that there was not longer justification for continuing through railroad rates to favored ports, granted when there was competition.

H. W. Prickett, of the traffic service bureau of Utah declared that it no longer was optional with the commission to continue the rates and that recent supreme court rulings had made it mandatory on the commission to discontinue the alleged discrimination.

Fred H. Wood of counsel for the Southern Pacific company summarized the chief contention of the railroads as follows: "The present conditions of non-competition is temporary. Upon the resumption of steamship service in the coast to coast trade, rates in effect during the first six months of canal operation will be restored if they are adjusted upon a competitive basis. Only with the elimination of effective competition, whether of ocean or rail carriers can the ocean lines be expected to make higher rates than these in effect during the first six months of canal operations."

Mr. Wood declared that the Southern Pacific had lost the coast to coast business to the steamship lines before the canal was opened, and that the ocean carriers handled all the business in the first six months the canal was opened and that rates were from 10 to 15 per cent lower than rail rates. Contracts had been made with the present rates as one of the basic elements upon assumption that the law practically guaranteed their stability.

# PEABODY FOLKS AFTER C. R. - I. P.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

CHICAGO, April 26.—Whether the minority holders of the first and refunding gold bonds mortgages will be allowed to file a bill of foreclosure against the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railway through the Peabody committee will not be made known for at least two weeks. Judge F. A. Geiger today finished hearing arguments for and against the right of the Peabody committee to foreclose and announced that he would endeavor to give a decision within that time.

Louis C. Kauffmann, representing the petitioners, urged that the right to foreclose was brought about by the appointment of a receiver because of a clause in the mortgage making a receivership an event of foreclosure. He argued that in view of the future happenings which may bring about a default in the interest of the principal of the bonds, permission should be given to file the bill as a protection to the bondholders' interests. Representatives of the stockholders and the holders of the debenture bonds opposed this stand.

"If the court permits this bill to be filed," Attorney Lessing Rosenthal said, "it will mean the preemption of \$111,000,000 worth of mortgage bonds which otherwise do not mature until 1920. In addition, it would make mature another \$12,500,000 which will become due next year. The stockholders could not possibly meet this, and it would mean the loss of their property to the bondholders."

"Why not face the real purpose of the Peabody interests, which is not to protect their properties but to force the maturity of this heavy obligation so that they can gain control of the reorganization. This means practically the freezing out of every other interest."

### SAVED BY A DOLLAR

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SEATTLE, Wash., April 26.—To a silver dealer, Thomas Dunbar, a real estate agent attributes the saving of his life today when Conrad Leo, a former restaurant keeper, fired point blank at his breast. Dunbar was struck by the blow of the bullet stung the silver dealer in a vest pocket.

Apparently under the impression that Dunbar at least had been wounded, Leo shot himself and died soon afterwards. The two had quarrelled over a rooming house transaction.

### "AVA THE UNITED STATES"

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

CLEVELAND, April 26.—"God protects children, drunken men and the United States," said Former President William H. Taft tonight at a mass meeting in the interests of the American Red Cross.

The cause of military unpreparedness throughout its history, former President Taft said, America is compelled to look back at all its wars without pride in its own country. The Spanish-American war was the only one in which the United States showed her strength he declared.

### FINANCING OIL COMPANY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, April 26.—Arrangements have been completed here for the financing the new \$750,000,000 independent oil producing and refining company which will have its principal offices of business in New York, Chicago and Tulsa, to be known as the Sinclair Oil and Refining company.

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## INTERNAL TAXES TO BE INCREASED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Methods of raising prerogative revenue which probably will be suggested to the house by the ways and means committee was outlined today by Representative Talmage of Illinois, the ranking majority member of the committee, at a preparedness dinner given here by members of the Illinois Manufacturers' association.

"Income taxes, including the sur-tax, will be increased and taxes will be levied on whiskey, wine, beer, manufactured tobacco and amusements," Mr. Talmage said. "When these taxes are levied they will be as high as they ever can go and they never will be repealed."

"This will be a billion and a quarter dollar increase and the present rate of increase in the next few years every session will be a two billion dollar increase. While you are devising ways for us to spend money for God's sake tell us where to get it. We have to prepare and we must find more subjects for taxation."

## BUSY PLOTTER WAS VON PAPPEN

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characterized by the German ambassador as official.

It is learned from a responsible source that the federal grand jury investigating the Welland canal plot, return an indictment before the end of the week superseding the indictment based upon information obtained in von Pappen's office. The new indictment, it is understood, will strengthen the government's case.

### SUCCESSOR TO SHIPPING TRUST

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, April 26.—Control of the International Mercantile Marine company, commonly known at the time of its formation by J. P. Morgan & Co. almost fifteen years ago as the "shipping trust" and now in the hands of a receiver, has been acquired by the American International Corporation, a \$20,000,000 organization, it was authoritatively learned today.

The American International Corporation formed by the National City Bank and allied interests a few months ago, has for its main object the promotion of American trade in foreign fields.

## UNLUCKY CELL FOR SIR ROGER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, April 27, 3:45 a. m.—Sir Roger Casement is occupying the cell in which Carl Hans Lody was held a prisoner before his execution as a spy in the tower of London in November, 1914. Lody was arrested in Kilmaree, near where Sir Roger was captured.

It was learned that Casement went on board the German submarine in Kiel Harbor about April 14 which is near the date on which a report was circulated that he had been arrested in Germany. The submarine was accompanied by a tramp steamer manned by twenty picked men from the German navy and carrying a cargo of twenty thousand rifles, machine guns and ammunition bound for Ireland.

The steamer, flying the Dutch flag and with the submarine proceeding awash in close attendance, crept through the Cattegat across Bohus bay up the coast of Norway and thence north and west, leaving the Orkney Shetland and Faroe Islands far to the south.

Just as the German captain was congratulating himself upon eluding the British patrol boat surprised at seeing a Dutch trader so far from the North Sea intercepted the tramp but found her papers regular. Even her crew spoke English, expressed sympathy for the allies and the hope that the patrol boat would not encounter a submarine. All this time the German submarine accompanying the steamer remained submerged.

After re-shaping the course of the expedition and while creeping along the north coast of Ireland, another British patrol boat was sighted. The patrol fired a shot across the bow of the tramp and signalled to the effect that they were about to board her. The tramp steamer then was obliged to accompany the patrol boat.

After steaming for some distance the tramp vessel hoisted the German flag and was sunk by her own crew in accordance with instructions before leaving Germany. The patrol sent an armed crew to rescue the Germans and they accomplished their mission.

The patrol also found a collapsible boat in which were Sir Roger Casement and another man. It is said the submarine before leaving Kiel, received orders that whatever befell the expedition the presence of Casement no longer was desired and so when the plan miscarried, Casement was placed in the boat and left to his fate.

## WHITE PAPER PROBLEM SERIOUS

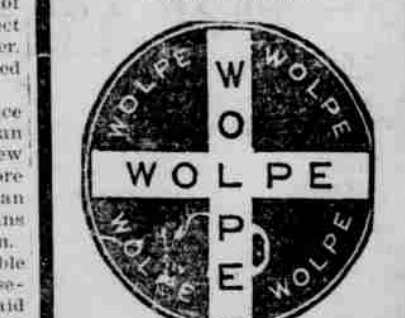
[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, April 26.—The shortage of white print paper and means for meeting the unprecedented situation were discussed today by newspaper publishers from all parts of the United States in attendance at the annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association. Because the demand for print paper is expected to be greatest, as usual during the next thirty days the publishers were urged to employ every method of saving, even to the cutting down of margins.

Reasons for the shortage of white paper were outlined in a report by Lincoln B. Palmer, manager of the association. He pointed out that the demand for print paper began to increase in the spring with the increase of circulation and greater demand for advertising space. In addition, the European war had diverted from England and Scandinavia many South American publishers who are now seeking paper in the American market. Furthermore, the manufacture of high grades of paper also has drawn heavily on the supply of materials for lower grades.

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